2009

Annual Report



## WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 26, 2010

Honorable John R. Dennis Mayor, City of West Lafayette State of Indiana

Mayor Dennis,

Attached to this letter is the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of West Lafayette for the calendar year of 2009. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

During 2009 the department received **19,000 calls for service**, an increase of 1,268 (7%) calls for service compared to 2008. The number of overall criminal arrests increased by 3% in 2009 (1756) compared to 2008 (1707).

In 2009 the police department continued the **Graffiti Eradication Initiative** started in 2008. To date 325 graffiti tags have been removed in the city with 160 tags being removed in 2009.

In 2009 WLPD continued its progressive approach to alcohol enforcement issues focusing on awareness and education partnerships. Alcohol related arrests were down 35% in 2008 and were reduced another 2% in 2009. WLPD will continue its cooperative alcohol awareness efforts with the Purdue Student Wellness Office, the Campus Community Bar Retail Coalition and the Purdue University Police in 2010.

The police department formed the Neighborhood Resource Team in 2009. The NRT now coordinates city services for parking control, animal control and nuisance/code enforcement. Formed in August, the NRT responded to 761 calls for service and issued 10,091 parking tickets in the four months it operated in 2009.

In 2010 the West Lafayette Police Department will continue to actively address neighborhood and nuisance issues. The department will also continue its pedestrian safety campaign, targeting mid-block crossings and school zones. We will continue to focus on impaired and dangerous driving enforcement programs and on maintaining a very safe environment for the citizens of West Lafayette.

Respectfully,

Jason Dombkowski Chief of Police

#### 2009 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
Capt. Spc Assignment	Daniel D. Marvin	September 7, 1985
Capt. of Patrol	Christopher J. Leroux	January 1, 1987
Capt. Data Management	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
Capt. Special Services	John T. Walker, Jr.	November 29, 1993
Lt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
Lt. of Patrol	Scott M. Fohr	June 13, 1987
Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of CID	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
Sgt. of Patrol	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
Sgt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
Sgt. of Patrol	David A. Vanvactor	August 12, 1996
Sgt. of CID	Cynthia A. Marion	April 20, 1991
Sgt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 20, 2000
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 19, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	John D. Watson	January 29,2003
*Sgt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
Police Officer 1st	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet A. Shepherd	March 13, 1982
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986
Investigator	Jeffrey P. Ray	October 26, 1987
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988

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Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark A. Gosney	November 12, 1988
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Police Officer 1st	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Investigator	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Police Officer 1st	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Donald E. Hartman	January 2, 2001
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Daniel R. Phillips	September 9, 2002
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
Police Officer 1st	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Investigator	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
Police Officer 1st	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Police Officer 1st	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Police Officer 1 <sup>st</sup>	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
Police Officer 1st	Daniel R. Griffin	August 28, 2007
Police Officer 1st	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007

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Prob. Police Officer	Matthew A. Thompson	October 29, 2007
Police Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008
Police Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael J. Noworyta	September 8, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher	Lorna A. Sietsma	October 17, 1994
Patrol Dispatcher	David R. Stoike	April 30, 2001
*Patrol Dispatcher	Mary B. McGrew	October 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Kimberly A. Hines	December 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Jason A. Timmons	February 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Tiffany L. Williard	May 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Mary B. Jones	November 8, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	Kristin M. Toulouse	January 1, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher	Erica N. Ridge	December 3, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher	Dustin L. Winger	May 14, 2007
Patrol Dispatcher	Mark Bruni	July 2, 2007
Patrol Dispatcher	Amanda L. Brooks	November 3, 2008
*Patrol Dispatcher	Katrina Gutwein	November 2, 2009
Office Manager	Tamara K. Holder	May 15, 1979
Systems Manager	Vickie J. Denson	February 22, 1988
Records Clerk	Kathryn A. McCorkle	January 2, 2001
CID Secretary	Nancy L. Walker	May 24, 1993
ACO/Court Bailiff	John H. King	September 4, 2001
Parking Control Officer	Edward L. Smith	May 30, 2000
*Parking Control Officer	Chris D. Kennedy	August 17, 1998

Parking Control Officer	Jerry D. Burk	January 17, 2001
*Parking Control Officer	Larry G. Grant	March 11,2009
*Parking Control Officer	Jesse L. Medrano	March 30,2009
Maintenance Technician	Jeffrey D. Martin	June 16, 1997
*Code Enforcement	Rick L. Walker	July 31, 2009
Code Enforcement	Curtis P. Cunningham	July 1, 1996
Custodian	Wilma J. Mills	March 16, 1994
Crossing Guard	Martha Mugge	April 1975.
Crossing Guard	Letitia Sietsma	November 1994
Crossing Guard	Kathryn Mauch	August 1995
*Crossing Guard	Elizabeth Sparger	December 1996
Crossing Guard	Kathy Jones	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Vicki Burch	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Sherri Dunscomb	December 2002
Crossing Guard	Debra Foster	January 2008
Crossing Guard	Sherri M. Galbraith	January 2008
*Crossing Guard	Dottie Rausch	August 2009
Total strength of the Depart	ment as of December 31, 2009:	48 Officers 34 Civilians
Appointments:		
Larry G. Grant Jesse L. Medrano Rick L. Walker Dottie Rausch Katrina L. Gutwein	March 11, 2009 March 30, 2009 July 31, 2009 August 25, 2009 November 2, 2009	Parking Control Parking Control Code Enforcement Crossing Guard Patrol Dispatcher

Promotions:

Arthur A. Choate

February 9, 2009

Investigator to Sgt. of Patrol

Resigned:

Chris D. Kennedy

Mary B. McGrew Elizabeth Sparger February 12, 2009

April 15, 2009

July 1, 2009

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions



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#### 2009 TRAFFIC DIVISION REPORT

In 2009 the Police Department investigated 1,195 automobile crashes, which is an 11% decrease in total crashes for the city from the number investigated in 2008. The department saw a 15% decrease in Property Damage crashes during the year, and a 6% decrease in Personal Injury crashes which resulted in 19 less people being injured in 2009 as compared to 2008. The department investigated one fatality crash in 2009, which occurred at SR 26 and N. River Rd. that involving a pedestrian.

The Police Department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving in 2009. During the year officers on the department worked 899 hours of extra patrol funded by the Governor's Council. Officers worked 220 hours dedicated to identifying and removing impaired and dangerous drivers from the roadways. During these hours worked the officers made 41 criminal arrests with 31 arrests being for operating while intoxicated. The department conducted one sobriety check point during the year which was held during the spring. The total number of arrests made for operating while intoxicated by officers of the department was 172, which is the same number of arrest as the previous year.

During the year, the department also conducted a special enforcement program designed specifically to address pedestrian safety issues in the city and at the newly installed mid-block crossings. The focus of this program was to increase awareness of motorists of the law requiring them to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Our goal for 2010 will be to maintain a high visibility and enforcement in the area of the city, which is designated as schools zones. We will conduct focused patrols at locations that are identified has high crash areas in an attempt to reduce the number of crashes at these locations. We will respond to citizen's concerns with extra enforcement in problem areas to improve traffic safety. Our goal is to have high officer visibility to increase public awareness, which we believe will reduce criminal activity in the city and make the roadways safer for the motoring public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Leroux, Captain

#### 2009 Grant Activity

OPO Grant:

474 total hours worked

**DUI Grant:** 

212.5 total hours worked

Aggressive Driving Grant: 213 total hours worked

**TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 899.5** 

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 885

Arrest Made: 19 (10 of these for DUI)

Total Tickets:

**DUI GRANT ACTIVITY** 

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 2

Arrest Made: 41 (31 of these for DUI)

Total Tickets: 43

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 382

Arrest Made: 5 (2 of these for DUI)

Total Tickets: 516

WLDP did conduct one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrest for WLPD during 2009: 172

# TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

### YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2008 & 2009 (Year to Date Figures)

	2008	2009	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1343	1195		148	11%
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PD UNDER 1,000.00	246	223		23	9%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	753	642		111	15%
PERSONAL INJURY	158	148		10	6%
PERSONS INJURED	195	176		19	10%
FATALITY	0	1	1	,	100%
PERSONS KILLED	0	1	1	4	100%
ALCOHOL RELATED	33	33			0%

#### MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S ACTIVITIES:

Maintained city signs and signals as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Leroux

Captain/Traffic Commander

Total Calls Processed:	2008	2009	Percentage
Calls For Service	17762	19000	7% Up
Reported Cases:	·		
Homicide Rape Robbery Battery Burglary Auto Theft Larceny	1 7 5 136 110 36 416	1 7 11 122 68 22 398	0 120% Up 10% Down 38% Down 39% Down 4% Down
Auto Crashes: (including under \$1000)	1343	1195	11% Down
Fatal Crashes	0	1	100% Up
Arrests:			
Criminal Juvenile OWI Public Intoxication	1707 54 172 277	1757 67 172 306	3% Up 24% Up 0 10% Up

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## WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY	CLASSIFICATION	COUNT
Major Cases Investigated	Aggravated Assaults	32
1114301 04000 211 0008	Burglary/Business	4
	Burglary/Residence	64
	Homicide/Manslaughter	1
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Arson	5
	Larceny	398
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	7
	Robbery	11
	Vehicle Theft	22
	Total:	544
Incidents Reported	24 Hour Ordinance	_ 59
	Accidents/All Reported	1.195
	Accidents/Misc	4
	Accumulation of Garbage	1
	Alarms	325
	All Other Misc Offense	2
	Assist Other Agency	57
	Bribery	1
	City Noise Ord Violation	172
	City Open Container Violation	1
	City/County Ord & State Statute	137
	Contempt of Court	7
•	Cruelty to Animals	2
	Damaged Property	38
	Death/Other than Homicide	11
	Demented/Mental	11
•	Department Information	236
	Disorderly Conduct	4
	Distubance/Arguments/Fights	32
·	Dog/Other Animals	40
•	Domestic Disturbance	55

ACTIVITY	CLASSIFICATION	<u>COUNT</u>
Incidents Reported	Driving While Suspended	139
Incidents Reported	Drug Abuse Violations	104
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	170
	False Informing/Reporting	9
	Fire/Non-arson	3
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	12
	Fraud	83
		5
	Fugitives/Wanted on Warrant	5 55
	Harassment	20
	Ill/Injured Person	20
	Illegal Discharge of Firearm	2
	Indecent/Public Exposure	
	Junk Vehicle Violation	27
	Liquor Law Violations	31
	Misc Traffic Violation	9
	Missing/Lost Person	4
	Occupancy	1
	Offense Against Family/Child	12
	Operating While Intoxicated	163
	Other Assaults	90
	Parking/Private Property	66
	Property Found	84
	Property Lost	3
	Reckless Driving	5
	Residential Entry	.12
	Resisting Law Enforcement	36
	Runaway	3
	Sex Offenses	8
	Soliciting w/o Permit	2
•	Speeding	2
	Stalking	1
	Stolen Property: Rec/Poss	2
·	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	29 .
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	82
	Telephone Harassment	15
	Threats/Intimidation	25
,	Tow-Ins	5 ·
	Trespass	116
· ·	Unregistered/Inoperable Veh	2
	Vagrancy	1 .
	Vagrancy Vandalism/Graffiti	9
	Vandalism/Mischief	291
	Wheel Lock	237
		4367
	Total:	7507

Prior Cases Cleared	Detective Division	124
Crashes	Fatal Property Damage Personal Injury Leaving The Scene Under \$1000 Total:	1 642 148 181 223 <b>1195</b>
Crashes w/Alcohol Crashes w/Fatalities Crashes w/Injuries	Contributing Factor # Persons Killed # Persons Injured	33 1 176
Traffic Enforcement	Arrests Warnings <b>Total:</b>	2380 9420 <b>11800</b>
Noise Ordinance Enforcement	Arrests Warnings <b>Total:</b>	41 183 <b>22</b> 4
Parking Enforcement Parking Fines Collected	Total Total	19589 387412
UCR Property		
Property Stolen Property Recovered	\$\$\$ Total \$\$\$ Total	648564 154089

# CRIMINAL ARRESTS 2009

Assisting a Criminal	1
Attempt to Commit a Felony Crime	1
Auto Theft	3
Battery	40
Burglary	7
Carry Handgun w/o Permit	2
Check Deception	8
Child Molesting	2
Conspiracy to Commit Burglary	1
Conspiracy to Commit Theft	2
Criminal Confinement	2
Criminal Conversion	1
Criminal Mischief	12
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	5
Criminal Recklessness with Weapon	2
Criminal Recklessness/Serious Bodily Injury	2
Dealing Cocaine	4
Dealing Controlled Substance	4
Dealing Hashish	1
Dealing Marijuana	10
Disarming Law Enforcement Officer	1

Disorderly Conduct	39
Domestic Battery	17
Driving While Suspended	101
Escape	4
Failure to Appear/Warrant Charge	3
Failure to Register/Sex Offender	1
False Informing	24
Forgery	4
Fraud	4
Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	3
Homicide/Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1
Habitual Substance Offender	1
Habitual Traffic Violator	18
Identity Deception	1
Interfere w/Reporting Crime	1
Interim Plate Violation	1
Intimidation	8
Intimidation w/Deadly Weapon	3
Invasion of Privacy	8
Leaving the Scene/Accident	34
Maintaining Common Nuisance	20
Minor In Possession	124
Neglect of a Dependent	1

Never Receiving a License	73
Obstruction of Justice	4
Operating w/out Financial Responsibility	3
Operating While Intoxication	171
Panhandling	1
Pointing a Firearm	2
Possession of Alcohol by Minor	1 -
Possession of Cocaine	11
Possession of Controlled Substance	15
Possession of False Government ID	3
Possession Of Legend	
Possession of Marijuana	112
Possession of Meth	. 3
Possession of Paraphernalia	60
Possession of a Switchblade Knife	1
Public Indecency	4
Public Intoxication	304
Rape	2
Receiving Stolen Property	7
Reckless Driving	10
Refusal to Submit to Chemical/Breath Test	8
Residential Entry	9
Resisting Law Enforcement	72

	-Total	1757
	Wanted on Warrant	253
	Visiting Common Nuisance	2
	Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	1
	Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle	1
Y	Trespass	20
•	Theft	63
	Stalking	1
	Speed Contest	3
	Sexual Battery	1
	Robbery	2

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## JUVENILE ARRESTS 2009

Battery	2
Criminal Confinement	1
Criminal Conversion	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
False Informing	2
Juvenile Delinquency	6
Leaving the Scene/Accident	2
Minor in Possession	15
Never Receiving a License	. 2
Operating While Intoxication	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	2
Possession of Marijuana	9
Possession of Paraphernalia	4
Possession of Tobacco	1
Public Intoxication	2
Rape	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	3
Robbery	1
Theft	8
Wanted On Warrant	. 1
Total	67





## Neighborhood Resource Team 2009

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints
January	175	509	9,235.00	16
February	35	1305	19,771.00	19
March	29	1655	33,295.00	34
April	25	2314	41,155.00	24
May	99	1204	37,860.00	26
June	48	1403	27,160.00	28
July	33	1003	20,845.00	31
August	212	2214	23,770.00	28
September	149	2754	<b>4</b> 9,1 <del>9</del> 5.00	25
October	91	2162	47,521.00	17
November	97	<b>1854</b> · (	42,620.00	22
December	88	1107	32,640.00	23
Total	1081	19484 (12% increase from 2008)	385,067.00	293

# Reporting Year 2009

Reporting Year 2009	2009			Ã	West Lafayette Police Animal Control Yearly Report	Lafayeti ontrol Y	West Lafayette Police mal Control Yearly Re	e sport					
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ANIMAL NEGLECT	0	7	0	0	0	<b>-</b>		0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	હ	42	75	- 29	55	79	73	69	28	₩.	99	47	648
MILEAGE	338	342	649	691	633	575	481	631	759	807	619	733	7258

Report submitted by ACO